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## AN INTERESTING FOREIGNER

Under the Above Head the Brookfield Budget Describes a Well Known Laclede Man

The amalgamation of the races in the great American crucible, as portrayed in "The Melting Pot" which Walker Whiteside and his company played here so recently was brought to mind last Sunday when Rev. William Sissons of Laclede preached in the Presbyterian church at the evening service. This minister was introduced as a foreigner, which he is, but he is also most thoroughly American as well as a notable example of worthy aliens.

Born in England, he came to this country when a youth as a member of his father's family. They landed at New York City and lived in that state for a time, but later went to Canada where William and his father earned a few hundred dollars which enabled them to rent a farm for a period of seven years, at the end of which time the father died and left this son as the mainstay of the family.

Later Mr. Sissons came to Missouri, choosing Brookfield as his home more than forty years ago. Here he was at first in the employ of the railroad at the local shops, but on account of ill health he was advised by his physician to again take up farming. This he did with great benefit to his health, and for many years he was located a few miles southeast of Brookfield.

In the early history of the local Presbyterian church, specifically almost forty-one years ago, he became a member on profession of faith, a faith of which he had enjoyed a personal experience since childhood, there being no particular time to which he can refer as the occasion of his conversion. This he attributes to the teaching and influence of a devout mother.

His educational advantages in childhood were very limited, but he had a great thirst for knowledge and spent practically all his leisure time in reading and study and the work of a Christian layman which led him through the eldership of the church and to the labor of a lay preacher and finally to being ordained by the presbytery as a regular minister.

Having thus been called to devote his whole time to Christian work, he sold his farm and bought a suburban home in the outskirts of Laclede where, with his only child, Miss Grace Sissons, he now resides. His work is in the home mission field, serving several of the smaller churches in Magee presbytery.

His pronunciation of words marks him as foreign born, but probably this and his peculiar handling of the language adds to his addresses a novelty that is distinctly interesting. Yet on the other hand his daughter, who inherited her father's studious habits, is a conspicuous example of what the children of aliens can make of the ordinary educational advantages of this country, for she profitably devotes herself to writing and her manuscripts are bought by some of the most exacting publishers of America.

Miss Lou Shifflett and her parents moved to her big farm northeast of Linneus yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Byrne were down from Chillicothe Saturday.

Mrs. Bessie Newland was here from Anabel a part of this week.

## M. E. Church Notes

There were fifty Juniors out Sunday afternoon.

The Korean Jubilee offering was fine, considering the gloomy morning and small congregation. Something over eighteen dollars will be realized when it is all in.

Regular monthly meeting of the official board next Monday night. Business of importance needs to be looked after at that time. Let there be a full representation.

Miss Phillips, who will be with us the first of March in revival meetings, is having a good meeting at Tina with Bro. Nichols. She will go next week to Laddonia for three weeks and then come to us.

Miss Anna Ransom entertained the Woman's Foreign Missionary society Wednesday. There were 28 present. The usual study of the lesson was taken up, refreshments served and a social hour enjoyed by all. Two new members joined the society.

The mission study class organized for work last Tuesday night and will take up the series of eight lessons by Dr. Grose, "Aliens or Americans." They will meet at the parsonage next Tuesday night. If you would like to be enrolled as a member, please notify Miss Leora Walker or the pastor.

There was a fine attendance at League meeting Sunday evening. The duet by Mrs. Eccles and Miss Jardine and the solo by Mrs. DeVol were greatly enjoyed. It is gratifying to note the increased interest in the league work. Five new members were recently taken in. The topic for Sunday night is "A Winning Start," Heb. 12: 1-2. Miss Louise Haight will lead.

The following was taken from a recent issue of the Indian Witness: "The Mary A. Knotts Home at Vikarabad is a great comfort to Misses Wells and Simonds. Even in the hot season they get every breeze that blows, and the girls find their health has much improved since they have moved into their dormitory. Bishop Warne expressed his surprise and pleasure at the thorough work and splendid equipment of the mission."

## W. C. T. U. Social

On Friday evening of last week the Laclede W. C. T. U. gave a social to its friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Estes. Between 60 and 70 persons were present and a most enjoyable time was had by all. A delicious two-course luncheon was served. Games made the evening pass pleasantly, but the most interesting feature was the roll call. In answer to this the members of the union formed a standing circle and described the way in which they had earned their dollar. It was evident from the reports that the Laclede husbands—taking advantage of the wives' desire to earn a dollar—had escaped from the building of fires during the recent cold snap. Mrs. Polson received the prize—a rose bowl—for having displayed the greatest originality and self-sacrifice in the earning of her dollar. It may be interesting to friends of the union to learn that the ladies have raised \$65.00 since the first of last November. This recent endeavor clears up the campaign debt. However, the union still owes a \$10 pledge to the state work.

Dr. Pratt at the Anderson house Thursday, Feb. 9.

## TOWN AND COUNTRY IN BRIEF

Local Events of The Past Week Recorded For Busy Blade Readers.

Five lbs. oats 25c at Patrick's. Post cards 4 for 5c; J. B. Patrick's.

Oil 10c, gasoline 15c gallon at J. B. Patrick's.

Don't fail to attend the farmers' meeting at Brookfield Saturday.

New crop timothy and clover seed for sale by C. C. Moberly.

Wanted—poultry, butter, eggs and cream; highest market price in cash paid by J. B. Patrick.

Star and Horse Shoe tobacco 45c pound; Granger, Picnic and Signal, 6 twists for 25c at J. B. Patrick's.

Buy your timothy and clover seed now. C. C. Moberly is selling choice, re-cleaned seed, guaranteed pure.

Dr. Pratt makes a specialty of fitting glasses; has been coming to Laclede for ten years. Here again Thursday, Feb. 9.

W. R. Frakes of Forker, who has been quite sick for some time, was in Laclede Saturday. The sick members of the family are all able to be up again.

This is the time of year when you should begin to think about a separator. See me for terms and free trial proposition. J. Paul Jones, De-Laval agent.

A card from J. H. Willard, who now lives at Winters, Cal., says: "All are well and having fine weather out here. Lots of rain the last week and warm weather."

Early June seed oats, averaged 45 bushels per acre the past three years in this vicinity, test 36 pounds to bushel; also some clover seed, for sale by Z. R. Kling, Laclede, Mo.

The ladies of the Christian church met with Mrs. Patrick Friday and organized a Christian Women's Board of Missions, with nine charter members. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Patrick, president; Mrs. Renoe, vice-president; Mrs. Libby, secretary; Miss Vena Libby, treasurer. After the business hour, light refreshments were served and they adjourned to meet with Mrs. Renoe Feb. 10.

Mrs. Ida Phillips last week settled with the railroad company for the accidental death of her husband, the late W. E. Phillips, in the Blackbird bridge disaster near Unionville last December. The company paid her \$4750. The first of this week she bought a well-improved 80-acre farm adjoining Marceline on the southeast. Consideration \$5000. C. T. Stutsman, Mrs. Phillips' father, will live on the farm this year, while she will continue to reside in Laclede.

It's a pleasure to bake with Fanchon, the flour of quality. There's better quality in every sack of Fanchon flour. Quality that shows in the baking—quality that means to a certainty that whatever you bake will be perfect. Fanchon is just as good for all sorts of pastry as it is for bread—for cakes it is much better than any specially prepared pastry flour. And every sack of Fanchon is the same. It's a pleasure to bake with Fanchon because of better quality and because you can depend on Fanchon. Just one sack will be enough to convince you that Fanchon is without question the best flour sold in Laclede. Sold by Laclede Mill.

## Some Evening Reveries.

Where one wife is now kissed with some pretense at regularity by the man who was always swearing before marriage that he would eat her up before the year was up, it is safe to say that ninety-seven other women go moping around the house with lips parching from neglect, burning biscuit and running down shoes in sheer despair, for the want of that encouragement an occasional kiss would probably give. This is not as it should be for a kiss after marriage is relished equally with those before and if you want to see your wife tripping about with melody in her soul and feet like a cork just imprint on her lips an occasional "Lovers' Kiss."

All that most married woman need to make their beings of light and jewels of gladness is more kisses from the old man and less growling about how the potatoes are fried. No woman can be an angel without a sip of nectar now and then, and the husband who fails to grant a supply of ambrosia to the sprites in muslin, who make paradise on earth a possibility, deserves to be "henpecked" all his days.

No matter how refined a woman is, if she marries a coarse, immoral man, she will be likely to have a coarse, immoral man for her husband. In ninety-nine cases out of one hundred, a vulgar horse jockey will remain a vulgar horse jockey still, in spite of the possession of a refined, intelligent wife. With that possession his reverent admiration for her superiority has departed. She is now simply the woman who has joined her lot with his, and must take him and his circumstances for what they are. He will have no patience with fine ladyism, or her distaste for coarse thoughts and actions. She must come down to his level and stay there. She must bear his children, and cook, wash, iron and mend in the homely house that is all he is able to provide for her, just the same as if she had never been his social superior. Should she rebel and leave him, her future is blasted, and though she may be strong enough to rise out of her misery, she can never efface the results of her folly. But the probabilities are that she will drag out her dreary days in surroundings utterly repugnant to every fibre of her nature, because she will not be allowed to take her children—which are his also—and she cannot leave them behind her. The romance of this kind of clandestine marriage is very soon dispelled, and only hard, bitter facts remain.

## Attention, Farmers

The first agricultural meeting of Linn county will be held at the Brookfield high school Saturday, Feb. 4. It is urgently desired that there be a full attendance of the farmers of the county to discuss the problems and needs confronting the average farmer.

This meeting has been brought about by the desire of the agricultural department of the Brookfield high school and county representatives to see a permanent farmers' organization perfected in Linn county for the express purpose of developing and enlarging the great farming possibilities of our home county. In so doing we are following in the footsteps of a great number of counties and states that are making a thorough study and application of scientific farming.

## SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

C. B. Welsh was at Brookfield on business Wednesday.

George L. Farrar was over from Meadville on business Wednesday.

Miss Rebecca Nelson went to Quincy Monday to visit relatives.

Mrs. W. H. Woods visited over Sunday with friends in Chillicothe.

Mrs. May Thompson of Meadville visited relatives here Saturday.

Miss Mabel Hamilton visited over Sunday with friends in Linneus.

Ed. Love of Mexico has spent the past week with Laclede relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dye returned yesterday from a visit with relatives at Linneus.

Miss Opal Baker spent the first of the week with Miss Jennie Calhoun at Brookfield.

Mrs. H. C. Myers of Brookfield was the guest of Miss Grace Sissons Wednesday afternoon.

Lee Love, tourist conductor on the Burlington, spent Sunday with Laclede relatives.

Harry Maybee left Tuesday on a business trip through the northwest part of the state.

Mrs. Baker of Stewartville visited over Sunday with the family of G. F. Lewallen.

John Sweem has moved into the W. H. Childress residence in the southeast part of town.

J. S. Whitney of route three returned home Wednesday from a business trip to Nevada, Mo.

S. M. McKisson of Brookfield spent Wednesday afternoon with his son Bert and wife in Laclede.

Mrs. H. Eccles and daughter Marguerite went to Shelby Monday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Lee Love, after an extended visit with Laclede relatives, left Monday for her home at Roe, Laclede county.

Mrs. A. C. Lippitt and little son of Meadville were guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Burke, Monday and Tuesday.

Ward Welsh, who has been promoted to traveling auditor on the Burlington, was home Tuesday and left that night for Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shohoney returned home Wednesday from a two months' visit with their son Tom and family at Springdale, Ark.

Jerome Brown of the Burlington passenger service was home from Quincy and spent Wednesday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Brown.

Mark Farrar left Wednesday for a visit with friends and relatives at Walnut, Kansas, Oklahoma and Southwest Missouri. He expects to be gone about two weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. DeVol of Holden, on their way to hold a meeting at Milton, Iowa, stopped off here and spent a few days this week with the former's brother, Rev. G. F. DeVol, and family.

E. L. Libby of Linn Creek came in Wednesday morning for a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. L. Libby, of route two and other Laclede relatives and friends. He says that South Missouri is still very dry and needs rain badly.